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News

Aurealis Awards 2006 Winners have been announced, at the ceremony held on the Australia Day weekend. **Bill Congreve** won the Peter McNamarra Convenors' Award. Winning science fiction novel was *K-Machines* by **Damien Broderick**, winning fantasy novel was *Wildwood Dancing* by **Juliet Marillier**, winning horror novel was a tie between *Prismatic* by **Edwina Grey** and *The Pilo Family Circus* by **Will Elliott**.

For a complete listing of category winners see: <http://www.fantasticqueensland.com/~aurealisawards/home.html>

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows release date has been announced: 9.01 am (Sydney time) 21st July 2007. There will be simultaneous release of harcovers with adult and children's covers, audio CD and a gift pack. http://www.bloomsbury.com/harrypotter/def_text.asp?sec=4

Terry Pratchett's *Wee Free Men* film rights has been bought by Sony, so expect a Hollywood film in a couple of years.

Featured Books



Sergei Lukyanenko

Patricia Briggs

Jim Butcher

Jack Campbell

C J Cherryh

Mary Gentle

Terry Pratchett & Vadim Jean

Anne McCaffrey & Ann Elizabeth Scarborough

China Mieville

R A Salvatore

Jack Vance

David Weber

Dungeons & Dragons

Katharine Kerr

The Day Watch

Blood Bound

Proven Guilty

Fearless

Pretender

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The Illustrated Hogfather Screenplay

Changelings

Un Lun Dun

The Highwayman

Lurulu

Old Soldiers

Dungeonscape

The Gold Falcon

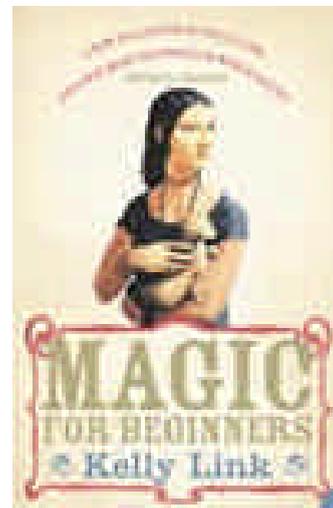


Author Visits

Elizabeth Moon will be visiting Infinitas. She will be travelling through Sydney after attending Swancon in Perth. We have been corresponding via email with her and have arranged for a book signing on Thursday evening 12th April. Book 4 in the Vatta's War series, *Command Decision*, has a paperback release date the same day as her visit. US hardcovers will be available weeks earlier. Her previous book, *Engaging the Enemy*, was our 3rd best seller for 2006, so we are expecting this to be a busy event for us.



Kelly Link and **Gavin Grant** dropped into the shop on February 9th to sign copies of *Magic for Beginners*, and *The Year's Best Fantasy and Horror*. They kindly provided us with their recommendations based upon their recent reading. With their editors' perspectives and our booksellers' we had a long chat about industry dynamics and short stories. Kelly reported the Aurealis Awards was a great party. Kelly and Gavin co-edit with Ellen Datlow the annual publication, *The Year's Best Fantasy & Horror*.



Recommendations by Kelly Link

Joe Hill *Heart Shaped Box*

Read the first few pages and see if you don't want to read the best. His first collection is one of my very favourite books, and this novel was unputdownable.

Geoff Ryman *Air*

Funny, wrenching, character-driven, beautifully written science fiction which is not only a great book to read, but as great book to give to friends who think that they don't like science fiction.

Margo Lanagan *White Time*

If you haven't read Lanagan yet, then I envy you.

Jo Walton *Tooth and Claw*

I'm a sucker for good dragon novels. Chalk it up to too much Anne McCaffrey as a kid. *Temeraire* by Naomi Novik is also fantastic.

Sean Tan *The Arrival*

One of the best books I've read this year, if you can claim to have read something that has no words in it.

Elizabeth Knox *Dreamhunter*

The first in a two book fantasy series by an author that I've loved for many years. This and the sequel, *Dreamquake*, ought to appeal to both young adults and adult readers.

Diana Wynne Jones *Archer's Goon*

An absurd, sharp, and charming fantasy-sf hybrid that I reread every few years, along with Jones's *The Homeward Bounders* and *Dogsbody* and *Fire and Hemlock*.

Brian O'Malley *Scott Pilgrim Vs. The World*

Second in a manga-style graphic series by a Canadian writer and artist. Funny and hip – we were given this by a bookseller who guaranteed that we would love it. We did.

Recommendations by Gavin J. Grant

Kim Stanley Robinson's *Sixty Days and Counting* is maybe the most optimistic book I've ever read and caps the series (*Forty Days of Rain*, *Fifty Degrees Below*) in a way that makes you want to go back and read them again (or one of his other series...).

Guy Gavriel Kay is another author who often writes in series. His novel *Ysabel* however, stands alone, and is quite wonderful. Since the main character is a 15-year-old boy some younger readers might enjoy it but there is more than enough mythic resonance for the older reader.

Nalo Hopkinson *The New Moon's Arms*

Sassy and nearly-obnoxious, Calamity is just a great character. When she finds what may be a mer-boy on the beach all the people she's tried to forget come marching back into her life.

Julie Phillips *James Tiptree Jr.: The Double Life of Alice B. Sheldon*

This is the stand out biography and portrait of the science fiction field in recent years. It is an absolute page turner.

Reviews

Feel welcome to submit a book review for us to publish here. If you have read a book and have an opinion on it share it with the other readers in our community. Also, in the shop we have several books for which we are seeking reviewers, and would exchange for a review. Ask us what is currently in the review book pile.

RealmShift by Alan Baxter, reviewed by Chris Maric

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9781411668621>

In the last few years there has been an ever increasing interest in humanities faith and man's relationship with religion. This has become even more apparent with the plethora of books being published that deal with the subject. So much so that bookshops are now creating new sections in their stores to accommodate them.

RealmShift, by Alan Baxter, is a novel that sits on the outer edge of the aforementioned genre and drops into the SF and Fantasy genres to spice things up.

Essentially the story is based around Isiah, a once mortal man who has now become a kind of middleman between us mere mortals and those that reside on the other side of the 'RealmShift'. Be them angels, demons, gods or the Devil himself. Isiah is tasked with guarding a very unsavoury member of the human race to his destiny in the deep South American jungle, for if he doesn't succeed in getting the mortal to achieve his predestined objective, a chain reaction will ensue ending in the downfall of mankind.

Essentially, what you have is a very fast paced action novel complete with supernatural skills, plenty of martial arts, colourful characters and enough suspense to keep the pages turning into the small hours. However, besides the fantastic screenplay that this novel could easily be adapted to, it's the plot's underlying thread within the action that sets the story apart.

Isiah, being trapped as an immortal human in a kind of Highlander purgatory must learn to accept his place within the hierarchy and come to believe that everything happens for a reason, whether it's good or bad. This also throws in a brain twisting little paradox – with the central character at the mercy of the forces beyond the *RealmShift*, he learns more about the 'system' at work. However, as he takes Samuel, the wickedly evil mortal (who is the crucible in the coming battle to save the world) across the globe to meet his fate, he imparts certain knowledge about his own relationship to gods and religions. Everyone has the choice to believe in what they wish and if enough people believe in something, it will come true. So the eternal conundrum, I believe, that *RealmShift* poses is that if Humanity really is in charge of its own fate then it's completely up to us to do what we believe is right since we create everything ourselves.

Without giving too much more away, *RealmShift* works brilliantly on all levels, as an action novel, as a divine expedition, as a dark fantasy and as a great example of character development within the two key players.

It concludes with a feeling that you have reached the edge of a cliff in a speeding car and come to a direct stop just before the lip, which is perfect as apparently a sequel will soon be on the way.

Service of the Sword edited by David Weber, reviewed by Garry Dalrymple

<http://www.infinitas.com.au/Product.php?bar=9780743488365>

Worlds of Honor #4, *The Service of the Sword*, is made up of six stories set in the Honor Harrington Universe and answers the question of what is there left to write now that Midshipman Harrington has made it to the top of the Manticore Space Navy and the 'Peeps' Space war is at an end? It is the same problem faced by the author of the Flashman series of historical adventure stories, where the available history to interpolate a character has run out. Rather than a series of Star Trek books or Dr. Who New Adventures, this thick volume of almost novel sized stories is about what may have been happening in the shadows cast by the brilliant career of Lady and Stead holder Harrington.

Promised Land by Jane Lindskold (134 pages) is about an escape by the women of a Masadan underground that coincides with the visit by a Manticore ship on a diplomatic mission featuring the Crown Prince of Manticore on his first naval posting. The escape is lead by a Grayson girl who was captured during a Masadan pirate raid.

With One Stone by Timothy Zahn (135 pages)

A Ship named Francis by John Ringo and Victor Mitchell (25 pages) Is a story that could be set in any navy or armed forces, as in *Catch 22* there has to be somewhere to put the losers stuff ups and failures that military hierarchy cannot admit to, better to concentrate them on one 'bad boat' than to spread the ill disciplined personel around the entire fleet.

Lets Go to Prague by John Ringo (66 pages) is a fun piece, two unconventional espionage operatives decide that it would be safer to have a holiday behind Peeps lines posing as Peeps security types than to rest and recreate behind their own lines. Mistaken adventures in pursuit of love and the inopportune defection of a Peeps Admiral make their holiday into an adventure.

Fanatic by Eric Flint (132 pages) is a 'resistance' story with the Fanatic in question applying his talents to subvert the system from within in a way that the decent people who have made accommodation with the system are unable to detect until nearly the final scene

The Service of the Sword by David Weber (169 pages) This story of a first Grayson woman serving as a midshipman on a Manticore ship is an indicator of where the Honor Harrington universe might go, non-ideological pirate forces prey on shipping as the Manticore fleet is entering a post war decline, if you like, Space Opera business as usual.

In all the above six stories there is a pattern, basically decent people eventually win out against the bad guys, and good guys are where you find them. The Honor Harrington universe may be breaking free of its recycled Napoleonic drama basis to embrace the re-telling of the classic war and resistance stories of all time periods?



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The books listed in this catalogue are listed to be released during this month. All books listed are available for order. If there is something that you want that you cannot find listed, or is not in the shop, please ask us to order it for you.

Many books have more extensive information available on our website.

Prices include GST and are correct at time of printing but may change without notice.

Legend: PB = paperback, HC = hardcover, TP = trade paperback, Cass = cassette, CD = CD, GN = Graphic Novel, APB = mass market paperback, BPB = paperback approx 20cm x 13cm

Information on the Infinitas Groups

New members always welcome at all the groups, if interested just come along.

SF Discussion Group: Meets on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm in the shop. A topic is chosen each month by the attendees of the group for the following meeting. Contact the shop for the next topic. Always a lively discussion of science in the news, films, books and ideas. See our website for more info. Newcomers welcome.

Thursday 1st February: Best and Worst of 2006
Thursday 1st March: TBA

Review Group: The review group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6.30pm. Two books (usually one science fiction, one fantasy) are chosen by group members for each meeting with participants encouraged to have read at least one prior to the meeting and bring their review/s along for discussion. The discussion is generally serious and insightful. All welcome.

Thursday February 16th:
Rhonda Thompson *The Dark One* (F/H)
Sean Williams *The Crooked Letter* (F)
Thursday March 16th:
Mike Shepard *Kris Longknife* (SF)
Christopher Paolini *Eragon* (F)

Writers' Group: The group is for people who are currently writing (or even trying to write) science fiction, fantasy and horror related stories and pieces. If you think this might describe you, and you'd like to get involved in a group with others who understand what the genre is about, why not come along. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month. Check out the website for more details.

Bestsellers for January

General Release

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| Pushing Ice | Alastair Reynolds |
| Plague of Memory | S L Viehl |
| Old Man's War | John Scalzi |
| Sleeping With the Fishes | MaryJanice Davidson |
| Dark Side of the Moon | Sherrilyn Kenyon |
| Changelings | Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough |
| Revelation Space | Alastair Reynolds |
| Off Armageddon Reef | David Weber |
| Hell To Pay | Simon R Green |
| Proven Guilty | Jim Butcher |

Media and Games Related Titles

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| Exogenesis | Stargate Atlantis |
| Galaxy in Flames | Warhammer 40,000 |
| Tempest | Star Wars |
| Surrender Your Dreams | Mechwarrior Dark Age |
| The Fire and the Rose | Star Trek Original Series |
| Harm for the Holidays: Misgivings | CSI Miami |
| Soul Drinkers Omnibus | Warhammer 40,000 |
| Space Wolf: The First Omnibus | Warhammer 40,000 |
| Sons of Fenris | Warhammer 40,000 |
| False Gods | Warhammer 40,000 |

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror

Jennifer Armintrout

Possession (Blood Ties 02)

When her new sire and lover, Nathan, becomes possessed by a soul eater and slaughters an innocent human, vampire Carrie must face her fears and find him before the Voluntary Vampire Extinction Movement does. **APB \$17.95**

Keri Arthur Australian Author

Kissing Sin (Riley Jenson Guardian 02)

In the sequel to Full Moon Rising, Riley Jenson--half-werewolf and half-vampire--joins forces with Kade, a sexy warrior, as they flee for their lives from a new and deadly conspiracy aimed at creating the ultimate warrior. **APB \$17.95**

Amanda Ashley

Dead Sexy

In order to stop a vicious killer preying on both humans and vampires alike, ex-vampire hunter Regan Delaney must align herself with a sensual creature named Joaquin Santiago, who vows to vanquish the enemy while seducing her into his world. **APB \$17.95**

Robert Asprin

Asprin Wars

In "The Cold Cash War," mercenary armies are involved in a corporate war, and in "The Bug War," a war is waged between the Tzen, a group of warrior reptiles and their conquerers, the insects. **HC \$78**

James Axler

Closing the Cosmic Eye (Outlanders 40)

When Gilgamesh Bates, an old adversary, gets his hands on an ancient doomsday device, Kane, Grant, Brigid, and Domi align themselves with Bates's retired personal army of American commandos who, driven by hatred and revenge, will stop at nothing to destroy this preDark mogul.

APB \$16.95

Kage Baker

Gods and Pawns: Stories of the Company (Company 08)

A collection of short fiction set in the universe of the Company chronicles the history and adventures of the organization and its operatives, in a volume that includes the novella "To the Land Beyond the Sunset," in which Lewis and Mendoza investigate a mysterious tribe in Bolivia whose members claim to be gods, as well as seven other pieces. **HC \$51.95**

L A Banks

The Wicked (Vampire Huntress 07)

Damali's new marriage to Carlos confronts the ultimate stumbling block, the return of Eve's son, Cain, who has escaped his banishment to ascend his father's throne to become the new Chairman of the Vampire Council and who is bringing together a powerful new army by resurrecting the deadly Fallon Nuit. Reader's Guide included. **TP \$30.95**

James Barclay

Shout for the Dead

In THE CRY OF THE NEWBORN we were introduced to four teenagers, each of whom had nature at their command. They became pawns in the struggle of the Estorean empire to survive. Through them their world discovered magic and we were drawn into a superb new epic fantasy that, for the first time, told the story of what happens when magic arrives in a previously non-magical world. Now ten years have passed and Estorea is consumed by war and the four ascendants have chosen different sides in the conflict. As the armies muster and the final conflict draws close, the ascendants are only now coming to their full power and soon summoned armies of the dead will march against the living. This is epic fantasy full of fallible characters, political machinations, betrayal and bloody battles. It combines vivid storytelling with an original theme in a popular sub-genre and shows Barclay to be a writer who is getting better with every book and who is truly comfortable with epic scale. **HC \$55 TP \$32.95**

Toby Bishop

Airs Beneath the Moon

When Larkyn Hamley, a young farm girl, rescues a newborn foal, one of the prized winged horses of the Duchy of Oc, from certain death, the young horse bonds with her, and she is sent to the Academy of the Air to be trained with the horse, only to confront the taunts and cruelty of the high-born girls already there. **APB \$17.95**

Ben Bova

The Sam Gunn Omnibus

An omnibus anthology brings together the complete adventures of Sam Gunn, a visionary astronaut, scoundrel, and venture capitalist, as he comes to the aid of twin sisters trapped in the "virtual sex" trade, prepares to sue the Pope, and goes on trial for his life on charges of interplanetary genocide, in a volume that includes three tales never-before-collected in book form. **HC \$60**

Patricia Briggs

Blood Bound (Mercy Thompson 02)

Mechanic Mercy Thompson repays a favor by using her shapeshifting abilities to protect her vampire friend Stefan when he must deliver a message to another of his kind who is possessed by a vengeful demon. **APB \$19.95**

David Brin

Earth

Fifty years in the future, scientists race against time to mend a black hole in the Earth's core before it destroys the entire planet within two years. **APB \$18.95**

Meljean Brook

Demon Angel

When an unholy, evil threat is unleashed in modern-day San Francisco, Hugh Castleford, a former knight turned Guardian, is forced into an uneasy alliance with the beautiful and seductive half-demon, half-human Lilith, an alliance that unites them both in a passion that has been too long denied. **APB \$19.95**

Chris Bunch

Dog From Hell (Star Risk 04)

Fourth in the explosive new series that goes beyond the 'A-Team' - and beyond the stars. While escorting a group of privileged and wild girls from a finishing school on Earth to one of the luxury worlds, the Star Risk Ltd. team crosses paths with Cerebus Systems - a huge, much-feared security firm that destroys its competition without a second thought. Cerebus has just put Star Risk, Ltd. at the top of their enemies list - but if the Star Risk operatives have anything to say about it, this is one hostile takeover that could put Cerebus's accounts deep in the red. **APB \$19.95**

Edgar Rice Burroughs

A Princess of Mars

John Carter, a Virginia gentleman, finds himself mysteriously transported from Civil War-era America to the planet Mars, where he plots, along with fellow prisoner Dejah Thoris, the lovely Princess of Thelium, to escape from his savage green captors. **BPB \$21.95**

Louisa Burton

House of Dark Delights

The home to mysterious immortal creatures intent on fulfilling their visitors' secret fantasies while ensuring their own gratification, the Castle of the Hidden Grotto can only be reached by making one's way along an unmarked path through miles of primordial forests and gorges and forms the backdrop to a trio of interwoven erotic tales. **TP \$26.95**

Jim Butcher

Proven Guilty (Dresden Files 08)

The only wizard in the Chicago phone book, Harry is given the task of investigating rumors of black magic in the Windy City, while, at the same time, searching for some malevolent entities that feed on fear who have been set loose on Chicago. **APB \$19.95**

Jack Campbell

Fearless (Lost Fleet 02)

To ward off an attack by the Syndics, Geary orders the fleet to the Sancere system where they engage in combat, which takes its toll on the officers and crew of the Alliance, prompting a mutiny that divides them--and makes them an easy target. **APB \$19.95**

Philip Caveney

Sebastian Darke

Sebastian Darke has the world on his narrow shoulders. The son a human father and an elvish mother, he is desperately trying to become the family breadwinner as a jester and self-styled "Prince of Fools". Trouble is, Sebastian can't tell a joke to save his life!

He decides his best chance of making his fortune will be to offer his services to the King and he embarks on a journey across the kingdom to the fabled city of Keladon to try his luck.

He is accompanied by his faithful companion Max, a shaggy, sarcastic, talking 'buffalope', excellent company if not for his constant chatter and complaining, and along the way he meets Cornelius, an unlikely pint-size warrior who could give Zorro a run for his money.

Together they inadvertently save the beautiful and captivating Princess Kerin from the blood-thirsty Brigands, so when they finally reach Keladon, Sebastian, Cornelius and Max are showered with rewards. But while Sebastian relaxes into the good life, Cornelius follows up on his fishy suspicions and our heroes find themselves in the midst of a sinister plot to dispose of Princess Kerin and take over the kingdom.

Did King Septimus really conspire to kidnap his own niece? Will Princess Kerin be sold into hard labour at the Brigandian slave markets? Will Sebastian escape from the dungeon prison in time to save his friends? And how does the almighty God of the Buffalopes, Colin, play a role in the final thrilling chapters. **TP \$24.95**

Kylie Chan Australian Author

Red Phoenix (Dark Heavens 02)

IMMORTALS, MARTIAL ARTS, GODS and DEMONS The intrigue deepens as the demon threat closes around mortals and gods alike... When Emma Donahoe took the position of nanny to John Chen's daughter Simone, she never expected to be caring for the child of a Chinese god, and she didn't expect that demons would want him dead. Nor has moving from nanny to partner in his heavenly realm made Emma's life any easier. Now a powerful race of demons has been created to hunt her and her family from Hong Kong to Europe. And she and Simone have become targets – pawns to be used in a deadly celestial power play. **APB \$20.99**

C J Cherryh

Pretender (Foreigner 08)

After making planetfall on the world of Mosphiera, Bren and Ilisidi meet Lord Tatiseigi, an old ally and, while protecting Tibini's son and heir, find themselves in the middle of a civil war led by Lord Murini. **APB \$19.95**

Deliverer (Foreigner 09)

While the world of the atevi fragments into two antagonistic political camps, eight-year-old Cajeyri, the heir of Tabini-aiji--and the first atevi to have an understanding of the humans--becomes a target for those who oppose his father's rule. **HC \$52.95**

David B Coe

Shapers of the Darkness (Winds of the Forelands 04)

A fourth installment of the series that began with Rules of Ascension finds the Forelands torn by war, a situation that forces Eandi masters to look beyond past differences to make key alliances and Eandi prince Tavis to journey with Qirsi shaper Grinsa on a shared quest to save their beloved land. **APB \$19.95**

Glen Cook

Lord of the Silent Kingdom (Instrumentalities of the Night 02)

A survivor of a battle with the Instrumentalities, the former Else Tage, now known as Piper Hecht, is now a captain-general of the armies of Patriarch Sublime V and sets out to enlist the assistance of legendary sorcerer Cloven Februaren in the battle against the dynastic politics of the Empire and the machinations of the old gods, in the sequel to The Tyranny of the Night. **HC \$56.95**

Elaine Cunningham

Shadows in the Starlight (Changeling Detective)

Losing her position with the Providence vice squad after a bust goes bad, GiGi Gelman starts her own private investigation business, is tempted by the devilish Ian Forest to investigate the mystery of her lineage, and is called upon to help an adversary locate his missing wife and son. By the author of Shadows in the Darkness. **APB \$17.95**

M F W Curren*The Secret War*

For thousands of years a secret war has been fought between Heaven and Hell. Daemons and angels, vampyres and knights, clash for the future of mankind, and as the two sides wage war across the world, innocent people are caught up in the conflict – men like Captain William Saxon and Lieutenant Kieran Harte, two great friends who have recently survived the horrors of the Battle of Waterloo.

But now they face a greater struggle, against the daemonic forces of Count Ordrane, and the clandestine ambitions of the Vatican. They must try to survive assassination attempts, political machinations, epic battles on land and sea, and above all the power of a mysterious bronze pyramid – the Scarimadean – that brings everlasting damnation to all who come into contact with it.

Their only allies are an old man, a fading secret organisation in the Church, and an enigmatic warrior, who may hold the key not only to the friends' fates, but to the fate of all mankind. The year is 1815, when angels and daemons walked our streets... **HC \$45**

James F David*Judgement Day*

Given a divine interstellar engine capable of transporting people to other worlds, Ira Breitling flees the Earth along with his remaining fellow followers of God in order to establish an uncorrupted planet far from the reaches of the powerful dark lord, Manuel Crow. **APB \$19.95**

Charles de Lint*Memory & Dreams*

From her mentor, Vincent Rushkin, Isabell Copley had learned to paint vivid images of creatures that literally come to life, a talent that had led to unexpected tragedy, but years after these creatures have ruined her life, Isabelle returns to painting, haunted by memories, dreams, and the threat of her mentor's return. **TP \$32.95**

Mark del Franco*Unshapely Things*

When a serial killer targets fairy prostitutes in a Boston neighborhood known as the Weird, Connor Grey, a crippled druid and former Guild detective, discovers that the killings are part of an ancient magical ritual that could bring about the apocalypse. **APB \$19.95**

Philip K Dick*Our Friends From Frolix 8*

For all the strange worlds borne of his vast and vivid imagination, Philip K Dick was most concerned with humanity's heartaches and struggles. In OUR FRIENDS FROM FROLIX 8, he clashes private dreams against public battles in a fast-paced and provocative tale that ultimately addresses our salvation both as individuals and a whole. Nick Appleton is a menial laborer whose life is a series of endless frustrations. Willis Gram is the despotic oligarch of a planet ruled by big-brained elites. When they both fall in love with Charlotte Boyer, a feisty black marketer of revolutionary propaganda, Nick seems destined for doom. But everything takes a decidedly unpredictable turn when the revolution's leader, Thors Provoni, returns from ten years of intergalactic hiding with a ninety-ton protoplasmic slime that is bent on creating a new world order. **PB \$22.95**

Voices from the Street

In 1950s Oakland, California, Stuart Hadley, a young radio electronics salesman, risks his perfect life--a nice house, pretty wife, and decent job--as his growing anger, anxiety, and fear, and his resulting quest to fill the void with drinking, sex, and religious fanaticism threatens everything around him, in the first edition of a previously unpublished novel by the author of Blade Runner. **HC \$51.95**

Ian Douglas*Star Marines (Legacy Trilogy 03)*

In the conclusion of The Legacy Trilogy, the Marine Interstellar Expeditionary Unit under the leadership of Brigadier General Garroway confronts their ultimate challenge in the defense of their homeworld against the depredations of the Xul, with the help of a powerful new attack technology and the intervention of a mysterious ally race that once inhabited Earth. **APB \$19.95**

Kate Douglas*Wolf Tales III*

Returning to the world of the Chanku, a powerful--and sensually gifted--race of shapeshifters, this passionate story follows Shannon Murphy, who, tired of her many lovers, finds a new challenge in Jacob Trent, a dangerous man who had been exiled from the pack after he tried to seduce his Alpha's woman. **TP \$26.95**

Dave Duncan*Children of Chaos*

Fifteen years after they are forcibly taken from their city ruler father in order to save their people from the tyrannical Bloodlord, the four separated Florengian siblings learn that one of them is to be set up as their home city's puppet ruler while the other three will be condemned to death.

APB \$19.95

Minister Faust*From the Notebooks of Dr Brain*

After defeating all of their enemies in a global battle in the 1980s, the Fantastic Order of Justice, Earth's most powerful--and dysfunctional--team of super heroes, finds itself adrift in a peaceful world without super villains and without purpose, until Dr. Evan Brain-Silverman is enlisted to help save them from themselves. **TP \$28.95**

B H Fingerman*Bottomfeeder*

Trapped in a dead-end job, Philip finds his life taking a most unusual detour after he tangles with a vampire and finds himself trying to maintain some kind of normal life as his bloodlust drives him to hunt for prey, in a debut prose novel by the creator of the comic book series Minimum Wage. **TP \$26.95**

Eliot Fintushel*Breakfast with the Ones You Love*

A sixteen-year-old runaway with a talent for killing people without touching them, Lea Tillem finds her life complicated by job offers from the Russian Mafia, a strangely behaving landlady, and her boyfriend, "the Yid," a loner constructing a shrine on the roof of an abandoned building in order to summon a spaceship to carry the Chosen to the Promised Land. **TP \$24.95**

Celia Friedman

Black Sun Rising (Coldfire 01)

Over a millennium ago, Erna, a seismically active yet beautiful world was settled by colonists from far-distant Earth. But the seemingly habitable planet was fraught with perils no one could have foretold, and the colonists found themselves caught in a desperate battle for survival against the fae, a terrifying natural force with the power to prey upon the human mind itself, drawing forth images from a person's worst nightmare or most treasured dreams and indiscriminately giving them life. Twelve centuries after fate first stranded the colonists on Erna, mankind has achieved an uneasy stalemate, and human sorcerers manipulate the fae for their own profit, little realising that demonic forces which feed upon such efforts are rapidly gaining in strength. Now, as the hordes of the dark fae multiply, four people - Priest, Adept, Apprentice and Sorcerer - are about to be drawn inexorably together for a mission which will force them to confront an evil beyond their imagining. **BPB \$20.95**

When True Night Falls (Coldfire 02)

Warrior priest Damien Vryce and immortal sorcerer Gerald Tarrant reunite in an uneasy alliance to combat an evil that threatens the delicate stability of life on Erna, where the mysterious force known as the fae conjures monsters from the stuff of dreams. This sequel to *Black Sun Rising* secures Friedman's reputation both as a gifted storyteller and an innovative creator. **BPB \$20.95**

Crown of Shadows (Coldfire 03)

Despite opposition by his Patriarch, warrior priest Damien Vryce again seeks the assistance of the immortal sorcerer Gerald Tarrant. While racing against time to prevent the enslavement of their world, the two men find themselves trapped between justice and retribution. Betrayal and loyalty assume ironic forms in this conclusion to Friedman's complex and compelling Cold Fire Trilogy. The richly detailed setting and strong supporting characters give substance to a tale that explores the consequences of embracing evil in the hope of achieving its redemption. **BPB \$20.95**

Mary Gentle

Ilario: The Lion's Eye (Ash Prequel)

Ilario is born hermaphrodite, a true genetic chimera. Found abandoned on the steps of a chapel of the Green Christ, in one of the minor Iberian kingdoms, on a freezing snowy night, Ilario is fostered by Federico, an impoverished Iberian noble, who plans to gift Ilario to the king, hoping to gain favour at court. At the age of 15, Ilario joins King Roderigo as the King's Freak, but while learning the ways of the court, Ilario has another lesson to study: abandonment and betrayal. For Rosamunda, Ilario's birth mother, has arrived - and the secret of Ilario's shameful birth must be kept hidden, lest the resulting scandal ruin Rosamunda's husband, Videric, the king's most powerful advisor. When Ilario is freed by the king, he/she is summoned by Rosamunda. And when her attempt to murder her child fails, Rosamunda whispers 'Run'. And Ilario does ... across the Mediterranean, to Carthage. **TP \$39.95 HC \$59.95**

Michael Gerber

The Chronicles of Blarnia

The man behind the bestselling Barry Trotter novels turns his shamelessly warped mind to parodying the much loved *Chronicles of Narnia*. **PB \$19.95**

Christopher Golden

The Myth Hunters (Veil 01)

A mysterious land in which the myths and legends of Earth actually come to life and the people who have vanished from our world continue to exist is slowly vanishing as our cities expand and the wilderness is consumed, and sends the legendary Jack Frost through the veil that separates the two worlds to enlist the help of Oliver Bascombe to heal both realities. **APB \$17.95**

L A Graf

Phobos Rising (Living Mars)

When colonists from Earth accidentally awaken a longdead Martian civilization in the year 2351, they inadvertently set in motion a program to restore the planet's deadly sulfurous environment, a situation that enables the return of hostile native Martians from their hibernating nests on the moon of Phobos. **TP \$30.95**

Chris Marie Green

Night Rising (Vampire Babylon 01)

A first installment of a new trilogy finds stuntwoman Dawn Madison reluctantly joining her estranged father's investigation into the sighting of a supposedly dead child star, an endeavor for which she relocates to Hollywood and discovers an erotic underground coven of vampires. **TP \$26.95**

Matthew Scott Hansen

The Shadowkiller

A suspenseful, tongue-in-cheek adventure inspired by Bigfoot mythology traces the experiences of a hairy monster that stalks its woodland home and wreaks bloody havoc on unsuspecting campers in its quest for apocalyptic destruction. By the co-author of *It's in the Book, Bob!* **MP3 CD \$60**

M John Harrison

Nova Swing

It is some time after Ed Chianese's trip into the Kefahuchi Tract. A major industry of the Halo is now tourism. The Tract has begun to expand and change, but, more problematically, parts of it have also begun to fall to earth, piecemeal, on the Beach planets. We are in a city called Raintown, perhaps on New Venusport or Motel Splendido: next to the city is the event site, the zone, from which pour new, inexplicable artefacts, organisms and escapes of living algorithm - the wrong physics loose in the universe. They can cause plague and change. An entire department of the local police, Site Crime, exists to stop them being imported into the city by adventurers, tradestars and the men known as 'travel agents', profiteers who can manage - or think they can manage - the bad physics, skewed geographies and psychic onslaughts of the event site. But now a new class of semi-biological artefact is finding its way out of the site and this may be more than anyone can handle. **HC \$55 TP \$32.95**

Morgan Hawke

Kiss of the Wolf

While on a mission through the Carpathian Mountains, Thorn Ferrell, a beautiful werewolf, finds her equal in a vampire who, armed with power, a carnal appetite, and sensual skills, has an unquenchable thirst for her after one passionate encounter. **TP \$26.95**

Robert A Heinlein

Rocket Ship Galileo

Three high school students join forces with an older nuclear physicist to develop their own atomic rocket, solve their own space problems, and blast off for the moon in spite of a series of mysterious setbacks, in a new edition of the classic science fiction novel, first published in 1947, by the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author. Read by Spider Robinson. **MP3 CD \$60**

Robert A Heinlein

Starship Troopers

In a futuristic military adventure, a recruit goes through the roughest boot camp in the universe, and he prepares for battle with the Terran Mobile Infantry in what historians would come to call the First Interstellar War against humankind's most terrifying enemy. **CD \$51.95**

Amanda Hemingway

The Poisoned Crown (Sangreal 03)

Bartlemy Goodman is approximately 1500 years old. An albino of Greek parentage he was born in Byzantium amidst the decline of the Roman Empire and now resides in the village of Thornyhill, England with his dog, Hoover. Bartlemy is one of the Gifted. But long experience has taught him the perils of the power of the witch-kind and so throughout the ages has channelled his considerable talents into cooking, his culinary prowess becoming the stuff of legend: he worked for the Borgias, was among the first to discover chocolate and even taught the likes of Escoffier. On a warm evening in 1991 a young homeless woman holding a baby turns up on Bartlemy's doorstep and he senses destiny at work. The woman's name is Annie Ward and her son, Nathan, is an exceptional child as Annie cannot account for his conception. Her husband Daniel died in a car accident so Nathan cannot be his. Soon Bartlemy comes to believe that the boy was created beyond the Gate of Death by a superior being for a special purpose, one that may threaten all of witch-kind and that it is his job to protect him. Whilst Nathan grows and Bartlemy continues to watch over the small family, strange occurrences begin to plague the village. The Thorn family, who gave their name to the village have lived close by since pre-Christian times, were once the guardians of a strange cup of greenish stone and set with jewels. When it was lost; sold to a Jewish collector in Austria by the black sheep of the family who absconded with it in the 1920's, the family's fortune soon followed suit. Rumoured to have been stolen by the Nazis during the war it has now turned up at Sotheby's and the last of the Thorns is determined to get it back by proving the original sale false. Bartlemy joins his friend, Rowena Thorn, in her campaign. But the matter becomes complicated and sinister when Nathan discovers the body of the Austrian owner in the wood nearby and begins to experience disturbing visions involving the cup itself. **TP \$29.99**

Barb & J C Hendee

Traitor to the Blood (Dhampir 04)

The fourth instalment of this powerful new fantasy adventure series with appeal to fans of both Tolkien and Buffy. Born a half-breed to an elven mother and human father, Leesil was raised in the Warlands as an assassin, spy, and slave for Lord Darmouth, ruler of an independent province. But Leesil's mother trained him well, and he used his skills to escape, leaving his parents to suffer Darmouth's wrath for all such traitors and their kin. Now with newfound purpose in the company of his beloved Magiere, Leesil returns to confront the sins of his past and uncover his parents' fate. Unable to turn him from this dangerous course, Magiere follows Leesil into the darkness of his past in the Warlands. Knowing what may happen should Darmouth learn of Leesil's return, she is prepared to slaughter any who try to take him from her. But Magiere's own past may well pose a more deadly threat. Two creatures of unfathomable power continue to stalk her - one who believes she's the key to his salvation, and one who seeks to destroy her... and all those she loves. **APB \$19.95**

Tracy Hickman & Laura Hickman

Mystic Empire (Bronze Canticles 03)

A final installment of the series that began with Mystic Warrior and Mystic Quest finds Theona, a powerless member of an otherwise magical family; Arryk, a rebellious son from a faery kingdom; and Lunid, a hobgoblin academic, endeavoring to breach the barriers between their kingdoms. **APB \$18.95**

Joe Hill

Heart-Shaped Box

A collector of obscure and macabre artifacts, from a cannibal cookbook to a used hangman's noose, unscrupulous metal band musician Judas Coyne is unable to resist purchasing a ghost over the Internet, which turns out to be the vengeful spirit of his late girlfriend's stepfather. **HC \$51.95 CD \$78**

James P Hogan

Echoes of an Alien Sky

Eighteen years after the first manned mission from Venus lands on an Earth that had become extinct eons before, Kyal Reen, a member of the Venusian scientific and archaeological team, struggles to reconstruct the ancient history of the mysterious long-lost Terrans, working with a biologist named Lorili, who hopes to prove a relationship between the inhabitants of the two planets. **HC \$49.95**

Tanya Huff

Smoke and Shadows (Smoke)

SMOKE AND MIRRORS is the second in Tanya Huff's new series about Tony, a former street-kid, rescued by vampire Henry Fitzroy. Tony has moved out of Fitzroy's home and is now working as a production assistant on TV show 'Darkest Night' - ironically, a fictional show about a vampire detective. The action centres around the filming of a haunted house story - unfortunately in an actual haunted house. When one of the crew is injured, the malevolent spirits in the house come to life. All doors shut at dusk and the deaths of the spirits' victims are replayed again and again. The pattern follows a grisly theme of murder, then suicide, and each one of the multiple deaths is a story in itself. The cast will be set free - if they can survive the night. Tony becomes the focus of suspicion as he is the only one who can both see and communicate with the ghosts, as he tries to manage his burgeoning wizardly powers. **APB \$19.95**

Alexandra Ivy

When Darkness Comes

When it is revealed that she is the Chalice, a mortal woman chosen to hold back the darkness, Abby Barlow is plunged into an epic battle between good and evil where her only hope for salvation is a seductive vampire named Dante. **APB \$17.95**

Guy Gavriel Kay

Ysabel

While his famed photographer father works to record Saint-Saveur Cathedral of Aix-en-Provence, Ned Marriner wanders the halls and rooms of the ancient structure, uncovering some of the many secrets of the monument and discovering that it is not as empty as it appears. By the author of The Last Light of the Sun. **HC \$51.95**

Brian Keene

Ghoul

In 1984, Timmy Graco and his friends find their summer vacation plagued by terror, adventure, and evil when they stumble upon a nightmarish creature eating the dead in a local cemetery, who then starts attacking the living, forcing them to take action. **APB \$19.95**

Katharine Kerr*The Gold Falcon (Dragon Mage 04)*

The powerful dweomermaster Nevyon has been reincarnated, but young Neb knows nothing of his previous life. Orphaned following a cholera epidemic, Neb and his younger brother arrive at the desolate farm of their last living relative and soon learn that a worse plague lurks beyond the western border of Deverry. The savage Horsekin tribes, spurred on by their new goddess, Alshandra, are raiding the villages and taking slaves as the first step in their plans to destroy both the nomadic Westfolk and the Deverrian farmers. Neb finds love and danger as he and his soulmate Branna are drawn inexorably into a war for the survival of the kingdom itself. Although they have powerful allies in the Westfolk dweomermasters Dallandra and Salamander, they are also facing mighty enemies, enemies that they have fought before in the past lives that they no longer remember... Intricately interweaving human and elvish history over several hundred years, Katharine Kerr's enthralling and moving tale of extraordinary characters living their many lives through exceptional times is epic fantasy on truly a grand scale. **APB \$20.99**

Jackie Kessler*Hell's Belles*

Forced to live as a mortal when Hell puts a price on her head, Jezebel, a once-powerful succubus, becomes an exotic dancer in New York City, where she falls in love with one of her clients while trying to elude the demons who are hot on her trail. **TP \$30.95**

Elizabeth Knox*Dreamquake*

The horror of the Rainbow Opera riot is the talk of Southland. Dreamhunter Grace Tiebold's reputation is in tatters and her niece Laura Hame is in hiding. But the nightmare has only just begun. Rumours about the government's torture of prisoners have been buried, and corrupt minister Cas Doran is free to take his plans to shocking heights. For at a secret depot deep within the Place, a new, terrifying dream has been unearthed – waiting to wreak havoc on the country and give Cas Doran ultimate power. Laura and Rose know they must stop him, but in doing so they start a chain of events that could shake dreamhunting to its knees and blow open the deepest mysteries of the Place ... The explosive and captivating sequel to DREAMHUNTER. **BPB \$24.95**

Dean Koontz*Darkfall*

A city, gripped by a harsh winter, is terrorized by an exceedingly violent murderer who kills four people over four days and presents an unusually difficult case to authorities. **APB \$19.95**

Icebound

A compelling thriller of wintery chills, set in the Arctic icefields. A widespread drought is causing murderous famine. There is one possible solution: Arctic ice could be moved south to parched coastlines and melted for water. In an Arctic icefield, a special team of scientists has planted bombs that will detonate automatically at midnight to break away some of the ice. Before they withdraw to the safety of their base camp, a shattering tidal wave breaks loose the ice on which they are working. Now they are marooned on an iceberg during the worst winter storm of the decade. The bombs in the ice beneath them are buried irretrievably deep...and ticking. Abruptly thrown into a desperate struggle for survival, the scientists are plagued by the discovery that one of them is a ruthless killer on a strange mission of his own... **APB \$19.95**

Mercedes Lackey & Roberta Gellis*By Slanderous Tongues Sceptre'd Isle*

In the epic sequel to Ill Met by Moonlight, in the wake of Henry VIII's death, a young Princess Elizabeth is confronted by enemies--both human and supernatural--who will do anything to keep her from the throne of England. **HC \$52.95**

Michael Laimo*Dead Souls*

Inheriting a rundown farmhouse in Maine, eighteen-year-old Johnny Petrie sees this as a means of escape from his hellish home life, but soon finds his new living situation far worse when the spirit of its former owner intends to use him as a sacrifice in a perverse ritual of sadism and savagery. **APB \$17.95**

Keith Laumer*The Long Twilight and Other Stories*

Two full-length classic novels--The Long Twilight, in which long-time enemies Grayle and Falconer meet in a final confrontation that threatens the very existence of Earth, and Night of Delusion, in which a detective's investigation alters the very fabric of reality--come together in a volume that includes three other short novels. **TP \$28.95**

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt*The Mad Cook of Pymantuning*

While working as a camp counselor, teenager Jerry Muller finds himself attracted to an unavailable girl, learns a shocking truth about his friend's sexuality, and becomes involved in the dangerous games of a psychopathic peer. **APB \$17.95**

Edward M Lerner*Moonstruck*

Assigned to be the liaison between Earth and the aliens in a gigantic starship who claim to represent a federation of intelligent races, Kyle Gustafson begins to become suspicious about the aliens' peaceful intentions and joins forces with an alien ally, regarded as a freak among her own kind, to stop a potential conspiracy. **APB \$19.95**

Paul Levinson*The Plot to Save Socrates*

Reading a new Socratic dialogue that reflects a time traveler's argument with the great philosopher that he can escape death by traveling to the future, graduate student Sierra is astonished when the elderly scholar who showed her the document disappears, an event that prompts her search for answers through time with the help of her boyfriend, Max. **TP \$30.95**

Marjorie M Liu*The Red Heart of Jade*

While investigating several murders in Taipei, Dean Campbell, an ex-cop and a clairvoyant who works for a global agency that protects humankind, encounters Mirabelle Lee, the childhood sweetheart he believed to be dead, and finds an ally in a war against the evil ancient immortals. **APB \$17.95**

Kelly Link

Magic For Beginners *signed copies available

In this dazzling collection, prize winning short story writer Kelly Link takes the ordinary and makes it strange and the strange and makes it ordinary. Engaging, funny, eerie and magical, these nine stories prove Link to be an original and important talent. Of all the books you read this year, this will be the one that you remember. Taking themes from horror and fantasy, these stories transform them into the stuff of delicate lyrical fantasy, with a distinctive and effervescent blend of humour and pathos. In 'Stone Animals', a middle-class family moves from Manhattan to a beautiful house in the suburbs. Almost immediately, their belongings become haunted, and they are increasingly unnerved by the growing hordes of rabbits that camp out nightly on the front lawn. The title story follows a group of adolescent schoolfriends whose experiences subtly parallel events in a surreal TV fantasy series which switches channels and times at whim. In 'The Hortlak', an all-night convenience store serves zombies as an experiment in retail; while 'The Faery Handbag' features a village which takes refuge from time to time in a magical handbag. Bold, tender, mischievous and unsettling, Link's stories have the insistent quality of dreams and show a writer at the height of her powers. **BPB \$22.95**

Sergei Lukyanenko

The Day Watch (Night Watch 02)

Alice, a young but powerful Dark Other, leaves her house to attend a meeting with her comrades in the Day Watch. The team is on a mission to apprehend an uninitiated Other, a practicing Dark witch who has so far eluded the bureaux responsible for finding and initiating unlicensed practitioners of magic. It seems a routine operation. But when they arrive, the Night Watch team has already made the arrest. A fierce battle ensues, during which Alice almost dies. Drained of her powers, she is sent to recuperate at a youth camp near the Black Sea. There she meets Igor; the chemistry between them is instant and irresistible, as Alice finds herself falling in love. But then comes the shattering realisation: Igor is a Light Mage. Suddenly Alice remembers him as one of those involved in the battle that left her crippled. Had they known each other for what they were, the idea that there might be anything between them would have seemed impossible. But now that they know, there is no alternative to a magical duel, a battle that neither of them wants to win. **TP \$32.95**

Kinley MacGregor

Knight of Darkness (Lords of Avalon)

For countless centuries, I've been the assassin for the infamous Merlin, even though the woman who birthed me sits at the right hand of our enemy, Morgen le Fey. Now both my mother and Morgen have decided that it's time I take my place on their side of this conflict. Normally, telling them no wouldn't be a problem, except for the fact that the good guys I protect think that I'm an even worse demon than the ones we fight. Hmm, maybe they're right. I have to say that I do enjoy maiming anyone who gets in my way. At least until my mother gives me a simple choice: join Morgen's Circle of the Damned or see an innocent woman die. I'm all for saving the innocent, but Merewyn isn't as innocent as she seems. And she's none too fond of the fact that her fate is in my dubious hands. Personally I'm all for taking the easy way out, but leaving her to Morgen is rough, even for me. Now the only way to save both our lives is to face the vilest forces ever known—my mother and Morgen. And two people who know nothing of trust must learn to rely on each other or die: provided we don't kill each other first. **APB \$14.99**

John Marco

Sword of Angels

An all-new dose of John Marco's trademark combination of morally ambiguous and complex action, tight plotting and vivid characterisation. This is action-driven fantasy, packed with magic, betrayal and battle, from one of the most exciting authors in world fantasy. Set in a richly built world which beautifully evokes magical lands, it is detailed in its dissection of motive and compelling in its characters. Building on the success of his acclaimed 'Tyrants and Kings' trilogy, this is a perfect novel for new readers and old fans of John Marco's work alike. **APB \$19.95**

Gail Z Martin

The Summoner

Forced to flee for his life with only a few loyal colleagues when his older brother murders their father and seizes the throne, Prince Martris Drayke is desperate to learn how to control and use his newfound magical powers in order to draw on the ranks of the dead to seek retribution. **APB \$16**

Anne McCaffrey & Elizabeth Ann Scarborough

Changelings (Twins of Petyabee 01)

Ronan Born for Water Shongili and Murel Monster Slayer Shongili are the twin son and daughter of Yana Maddock and Sean Shongili. Born on Petyabee, their destiny is deeply intertwined with the sentient planet that is their home. For Ronan and Murel are more than human. Like their father, each can transform into a seal and converse telepathically with the planet's creatures - such as the friendly otter whose life they save one day from a pack of ravenous wolves. But the twins' bravery has unforeseen results when a visiting scientist witnesses their startling metamorphosis and becomes obsessed with their capture. To protect their children, Sean and Yana send them to stay with a powerful family friend on an orbiting space station. But no one realizes how curious Ronan and Murel are to discover the origins of their shape-shifting talent - and that their search for knowledge will place them squarely in the path of peril. Meanwhile Petyabee is changing - and much faster than an ordinary planet's natural evolution. It appears that portions of the sea are heating up and a landmass is suddenly rising from the depths. To investigate the startling occurrence, Sean heads out to the open water in his seal form. But the newly unstable region holds untold mysteries - and the potential for disaster. **APB \$21.95**

China Mieville

Un Lun Dun

Stumbling into an alternate funhouse version of her home city, twelve-year-old Londoner Deeba finds herself trapped in a world of killer giraffes, animated umbrellas, ghost children, and flying double-decker buses and menaced by a choking black smog, and is forced to take on the role of unlikely savior to prevent utter destruction. **HC \$36.95**

L E Modesitt Jr

The Elysium Commision

A brilliant scientist on the planet Devanta has created a small universe contiguous to ours - and a utopian city on one of the planets. The question becomes, though, an utopia for whom? And why is a shady entertainment mogul subsidizing the scientist? More critical than that, does this new universe require the destruction of a portion - or all - of our universe in order to grow and stabilize? Blaine Donne is a retired military special operative now devoted to problem-solving for hire. He investigates a series of seemingly unrelated mysteries that arise with the arrival of a woman with unlimited resources who has neither a present nor a past. The more he investigates, the more questions arise, including the role of the two heiresses who are more - and less - than they seem and the more Donne is pushed inexorably toward finding himself a pawn in an explosive solution and a regional interstellar war. **HC \$51.95**

Howard Mittelmark*Age of Consent*

Peter Coulter, ignoring the whispered rumors about the house he lives in, finds history repeating itself when his sister, once popular and outgoing, becomes self-destructive, and his father is possessed by a sudden calling from God, which urges them to do horrible things. **APB \$19.95**

Elizabeth Moon*Serrano Legacy, Vol 1 (Serrano 01, 02, 03)*

Three instalments of this fast-paced science fiction series in one volume at a terrific price. **HUNTING PARTY:** Heris Serrano was destined for a life in the Regular Space Service - until a treacherous superior officer forced her to resign her commission. This was the end of everything that gave her life meaning. But her new life aboard a rich old lady's space cruiser is nothing like she expected and she is soon fighting for her life. **SPORTING CHANCE:** On her first cruise, Heris exposed a sinister 'hunting club', where one of the hunters was first in line to the throne. To avoid scandal, Lady Cecelia volunteered to take her nephew the Prince home. His behaviour becomes increasingly erratic, Cecelia suspects foul play and once again Heris must investigate. **WINNING COLOURS:** Heris has at last been offered a chance for vindication and reinstatement in her beloved Fleet - and reconciliation with her family. But it means standing alone against the military might of an interstellar criminal cartel with only a few small ships... **BPB \$29.95**

Alexis Morgan*Dark Defender*

As a Paladin warrior, Blake Trahern fights and dies again and again to keep mankind safe from the Others. Sensing his humanity slipping away with each battle, he retreats from the world...until the one person who still has a claim on his soul needs his help. It's been twelve years since Blake vanished from Brenna Nichols's life, years that have turned her from a love-struck teen into a headstrong, sensual woman. He'll fearlessly give his life to protect her -- yet he dare not risk his heart. Brenna is stunned by Blake's reappearance, and by a shocking discovery about her father. Everything she has ever believed is thrown into question -- everything except the desire that Blake still ignites. But as they search together for a traitor among the Paladins, danger looms: the next battle could tip Blake into madness, destroying his life, his soul...and the only woman he has ever loved. **APB \$14.95**

Robert Newcomb*A March Into Darkness (Destinies of Blood and Stone 02)*

Prince Tristan must race against time to gain control of his own nascent magical abilities as he gathers a courageous band of wizards and warriors to battle an evil emissary, summoned by the forces of darkness, whose goal is the total destruction of anything and anyone in his path, in the sequel to *Savage Messiah*. **HC \$54.95**

Naomi Novik*Black Powder War (Temeraire 03)*

With the Chinese threat neatly dissolved, Temeraire is free to return to Britain and continue to help his friends defend their country. But before they board the ship, Laurence & now a member of the Chinese Imperial family by adoption & receives orders from the British Air Corps that he and Temeraire are not to sail with the British forces. Instead they must take the shorter route to rendezvous by the English Channel, and stopping in Istanbul to collect three dragon eggs which the government have purchased at great expense from the Turkish. But the overland flight is fraught with danger. They will have to scale mountains and cross deserts, evade Napoleon's aggressive infantry and hide from unpredictable feral dragons. And even before they leave, they discover that Lien has left China before them, intent upon revenge. She wants to destroy Temeraire by stripping him of all that he holds dear, and being a celestial dragon, she has the power and intelligence to carry out her terrible threat. **HC \$45**

Rebecca Ore*Time's Child*

In a pandemic-ravaged Earth three hundred years in the future, the Philadelphia National Reserve uses a time machine to salvage history's most intellectual and skilled leaders, including a fifteenth-century peasant war maiden whose efforts to collect her fellow icons have unforeseen consequences. **TP \$30.95**

Robin D Owens*Protector of the Flight*

When a tragic accident transports her to another world called Lladrana, a magical earth threatened by evil, Calli Torcher, using her extraordinary bond with horses, fulfills her destiny as a hero and finally finds a place to call home. **TP \$30.95**

Sharon Page*Blood Red*

Plagued by intensely sexual dreams, vampire hunter Althea Yates, a virginal, yet tough-as-nails beauty, succumbs to forbidden pleasure with two of the very same creatures she has sworn to destroy. **TP \$26.95**

K J Parker*Evil for Evil (Engineers 02)*

The second book in the Engineers Trilogy Civitas Vadanis is in trouble. The Mezentines have declared war; and the Mezentines are very focussed on their goals when it comes to killing. Duke Valens, of Civitas Vadanis, has a dilemma. He knows that his city cannot withstand the invading army; yet its walls are his only defence against the Mezentines. Perhaps the only way to save his people is to flee, but that will not be easy either. Ziani Vaatzes, an engineer exiled by the Mezentines for his abominable creations, has already proven that he can defend a city. But Ziani Vaatzes has his own concerns, and the fate of Civitas Vadanis may not be one of them. **TP \$32.95**

Diana L Paxson*The Golden Hills of Westria*

A new story and a new generation grows as Diana Paxson returns to Westria, her classic fantasy realm, in the first new novel in that land in more than a decade. Prince Phoenix has always been a bit restless, never quite measuring up to the expectations of his father King Julian. Sombra, Phoenix's childhood friend, believes in him, but she has her own duties as a student of the College of the Wise. Their relationship surpasses friendship, but their responsibilities take precedence over their feelings. Then Phoenix is abducted in a raid and sold to slavers. Enduring pain and humiliation, Phoenix must find a way to survive, even if that means losing his sense of self, and becoming a danger to the people that he loves. While King Julian searches for his lost son, a growing army of fanatics led by the charismatic Mother Mahalial is conquering land after land, and its final destination is the golden land of Westria. The only person that can sense Phoenix's plight is Sombra, and her attempt to rescue him may decide the fate of the kingdom. **APB \$19.95**

Fiona Patton

The Silver Lake (Warriors of Estavia 01)

When the three-night chaos of Havo's Dance sweeps through Anavatan, the city of the Silver Lake where only those pledged to a diety survive, street orphans Spar and Brax discover their true destinies. **APB \$19.95**

Frederik Pohl

Platinum Pohl: Collected Best Stories

A new compilation of short fiction from the Hugo and Nebula Award-winning author includes a never-before-published Heechee story; "Fermi and Frost," his award-winning novella; and other memorable tales that exemplify the best in the science fiction genre. **TP \$34.95**

Terry Pratchett

The Illustrated Hogfather Screenplay (Discworld)

Hogswatchnight is fast approaching, but the Hogfather (that jolly fat man who delivers presents to the kiddies) is missing. But it's vital that all the presents are delivered, otherwise the sun won't rise tomorrow. However, there is another supernatural entity who can be everywhere at once and, most importantly, knows where everybody lives. And Death reckons that with a false beard and a few cushions, it might just work. And while Death is busy working out the mysteries of climbing down chimneys and drinking sherry, it's up to Susan to track down the real Hogfather. It's a dark time of the year. There are monsters afoot. And some of them look just like us. HO HO HO. You'd better watch out! **HC \$65**

Kimberly Raye

Dead and Dateless (Vampire Love 02)

The proprietor of Dead End Dating, a matchmaking service for hip Manhattan vampires, Liz Marchette faces new challenges when one of her undead clients turns up really dead and she becomes a prime suspect in the crime, a pack of werewolves demands that she find them mates before the next full moon, and the sexy but unsuitable Ty Bonner. **APB \$17.95**

J D Robb

Innocent in Death (Eve Dallas)

Investigating the baffling murder case of an absolutely ordinary and seemingly much-loved private school teacher, futuristic-New York City lieutenant Eve Dallas struggles to identify who may have wanted the death of an innocent man, a case that is complicated by the machinations of Eve's husband's former lover. **HC \$52.95**

Savannah Russe

Beneath the Skin (Darkwing Chronicles 03)

While working with Team Darkwing to catch an elusive terrorist before he assassinates a presidential candidate, vampire Daphne Urban becomes drawn to the life she once rejected--New York's secret vampire underworld where any desire is fulfilled. **APB \$17.95**

Geoff Ryman

Air

This remarkable novel is about the effects of a new communications technology, Air, that works without power lines or machines. As pervasive technology ensures the rapid spread of pop culture and information access, few corners of the planet remain untouched. One of those few is Kizuldah, Karzistan, a tiny rice-farming village, predominantly Chinese Buddhist but with a strong Muslim presence, among whom sharply intelligent though illiterate Mae Chung, a self-styled fashion expert guiding the village women in dress, make-up and hairstyling, is an informal leader. When the UN decides to test the radical new technology Air, Mae is boiling laundry and chatting with elderly Mrs Tung. The massive surge of Air energy swamps them and when the test is finished, Mrs Tung is dead and Mae has absorbed her 90 years of memories. Rocked by the unexpected deaths and disorientation, the UN delays fully implementing Air, but Mae sees at once that her way of life is ending. Half-mad, struggling with information overload, the resentment of much of the village and a complex family situation, she works fiercely to learn what she needs to ride the tiger of change. **BPB \$22.95**

Lilith Saintcrow

Dead Man Rising (Dante Valentine 02)

Lilith Saintcrow's follow-up to WORKING FOR THE DEVIL is a fast-paced supernatural thriller that grabs from the first page. Dante Valentine is a licensed Necromance, one of the best ever to survive training, and she's got an emerald embedded in her forehead to prove it. She's also dangerous and prickly with a suicidal streak - who better to make a contract with the Devil - and survive to tell the tale? The Dark One himself is a hard act to follow, but fate has managed to store up a number of sinister and extremely unpleasant surprises for Dante. Raising the dead has never been so risky... **APB \$19.95**

R A Salvatore

The Highwayman (Corona)

Years before the Demon Wars in the land of Corona, Bran Dynard, a monk of the Abelle religion, returns to his home from a far-off land, with a book of mystical knowledge and Sen Wi, his beautiful and mysterious wife. **APB \$19.95**

Lynsay Sands

Bite Me If You Can

Transformed into a vampire by a rogue marked for termination, Leigh now finds herself dealing with Lucian Argeneau, a world-weary, immortal hunter of rogue vampires, who suddenly finds himself craving the company of a sassy, irreverent beauty, while trying to stop a renegade bloodsucker from destroying the entire human race. **APB \$17.95**

John Scalzi

The Sagan Diary

Fans of John Scalzi's "Old Man" universe, prepare yourselves: there's a long new story in that universe, told from the point of view of one of the series' most intriguing characters. Subterranean Press is proud to release The Sagan Diary, a long novelette that for the first time looks at the worlds of the Hugo-nominated Old Man's War and its sequel The Ghost Brigades from the point of view of Lieutenant Jane Sagan, who in a series of diary entries gives her views on some of the events included in the series... and sheds new light into some previously unexplored corners. If you thought you knew Jane Sagan before, prepare to be surprised. **HC \$40.95**

Gena Showalter

The Nymph King

While vacationing in Florida, Shaye Holling is kidnapped and spirited off to the underwater realm of Atlantis, where she becomes the prisoner of Valerian, the darkly sensual king of the nymphs, who is determined to claim her as his own--forever. **APB \$17.95**

Dan Simmons

The Terror

The men on board Her Britannic Majesty's Ships Terror and Erebus had every expectation of triumph. They were part of Sir John Franklin's 1845 expedition - as scientifically advanced an enterprise as had ever set forth - and theirs were the first steam-driven vessels to go in search of the fabled North-West Passage. But the ships have now been trapped in the Arctic ice for nearly two years. Coal and provisions are running low. Yet the real threat isn't the constantly shifting landscape of white or the flesh-numbing temperatures, dwindling supplies or the vessels being slowly crushed by the unyielding grip of the frozen ocean. No, the real threat is far more terrifying. There is something out there that haunts the frigid darkness, which stalks the ships, snatching one man at a time - mutilating, devouring. A nameless thing, at once nowhere and everywhere, this terror has become the expedition's nemesis. When Franklin meets a terrible death, it falls to Captain Francis Crozier of HMS Terror to take command and lead the remaining crew on a last, desperate attempt to flee south across the ice. With them travels an Eskimo woman who cannot speak. She may be the key to survival - or the harbinger of their deaths. And as scurvy, starvation and madness take their toll, as the Terror on the ice become evermore bold, Crozier and his men begin to fear there is no escape. **HC \$69.95**

Endymion (Hyperion 03)

Two hundred and seventy-four years after the fall of the WorldWeb in THE FALL OF HYPERION, Raoul Endymion is sent on a quest. Retrieving Aenea from the Sphinx before the Church troops reach her is only the beginning. With help from a blue-skinned android named A. Bettik, Raoul and Aenea travel the river Tethys, pursued by Father Captain Frederico DeSoya, an influential warrior-priest and his troops. The shrike continues to make enigmatic appearances and while many questions were raised in HYPERION and THE FALL OF HYPERION, still more are raised here. Raoul's quest will continue. **APB \$19.95**

Rise of Endymion (Hyperion 04)

The time of reckoning has arrived. As a final genocidal Crusade threatens to enslave humanity forever, a new messiah has come of age. She is Aenea and she has undergone a strange apprenticeship to those known as the Others. Now her protector, Raul Endymion, one-time shepherd and convicted murderer, must help her deliver her startling message to her growing army of disciples. But first they must embark on a final spectacular mission to discover the underlying meaning of the universe itself. They have been followed on their journey by the mysterious Shrike - monster, angel and killing machine who is about to reveal the long-held secret of its origin and purpose. And on the planet of Hyperion, where the story first began, the final revelation will be delivered - an apocalyptic message that unlocks the secrets of existence and the fate of humankind in the galaxy. **APB \$19.95**

Kathryn Smith

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When the eldest son of William the Conqueror decides to abandon the ways of magic, the land is left to wither and die, and it is up to Edith, princess of Scotland, and Henry, the youngest son of William the Conqueror, to cleanse the land of the evil that infects it, in the sequel to Rite of Conquest. **APB \$19.95**

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Teenager Annette Klein, known in the twenty-first-century Kingdom of Versailles as Khadija, and her family are secret agents of Crosstime Traffic, but during a trek to their home base in Marseilles, where the hidden portal will take them home, she is kidnapped by slave traders and taken to an unofficial crosstime portal that could separate her from her family forever. **APB \$17.95**

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Unable to sew or embroider like most little princesses, Aurore instead explores the castle grounds and beyond, where her warmth and generosity soon endear her to the townspeople. Their devotion to the spirited princess grows as she does.

On her sixteenth birthday, Aurore learns that the impending curse will harm not only her, but the entire kingdom as well. Unwilling to cause suffering, she will embark on a quest to end the evil magic. The princess's bravery will be rewarded as she finds adventure, enchantment, a handsome prince, and ultimately her destiny. **PB \$9.95**

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King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table are preparing once again to set out in search of the legendary Holy Grail. This time Morgain le Fay is determined to stop them at any cost, and she knows exactly who is standing in her way. When she kidnaps Ailis, the servant girl whose untrained magical powers grow stronger with every passing day, her vengeance seems to be taking a terrifying turn. Gerard and Newt must work together again to rescue their best friend before it's too late...before Morgain turns Ailis to evil...before Ailis helps Morgain destroy Camelot. **HC \$19.99**

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As many people know already, it's Chrestomanci's job to control the magic in the related worlds. Using magic is always dangerous, and it always has consequences, so even the best-intentioned witch or warlock needs help and guidance from time to time. Not only that, but there are plenty of ordinary people in the worlds without even a whiff of magical ability, and they need someone to make sure that the magic-users don't get their own way all of the time. Even so, in the village around Chrestomanci Castle, all sorts of magical misuse is going on which very few people seem to be aware of! When Cat Chant finds the egg in Gammer Pinhoe's attic, he knows he has to have it. Marianne Pinhoe isn't sure what Gammer will think about that, but she lets him take it anyway. Rumour has it it's an elephant egg, but Cat's convinced it's a dragon's egg. Within the safety of Chrestomanci Castle, the egg eventually hatches – and at the same time, chaos breaks out in the surrounding village. Can Cat and Marianne get to the root of the problem, and can Cat's new charge help? Age 10+ **TP \$19.99**

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The Duchess Jessica's childhood began with a tragedy: her mother's death. Her father, heartbroken at the loss of his beloved wife, could not bear to raise the child. Largely ignored, Jessica spent the first eleven years of her life running free on the family estate, cared for only by the servants.

Then her father decides to remarry, bringing an end to Jessica's independence. At first her new stepmother just seems overly strict. But as Jessica grows into a beautiful young woman, it becomes clear that her stepmother is also wildly -- and murderously -- jealous of her.

Jessica escapes to London. Going by the name Snow to hide from her family, she falls in love with an odd band of outcasts who accept her into their makeshift family. But when her stepmother appears in the city, repentant and seeking her forgiveness, Jessica will have to decide whom to trust...with her life. **PB \$9.95**

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The Rats take on their arch enemy, Malig Tumora, in a struggle to the death. The Doomsday Rats have found the special moths they need to destroy the purple flowers that give the heartless Malig Tumora power over the adults. But the moths are not the voracious eaters the children had hoped. Berrin is desperate to unlock the secret of the moths' appetites, but even if he succeeds, Malig Tumora is mounting a renewed offensive using a new weapon the Rats can't defeat until they know it's there ... A do-or-die showdown with the evil Gadges seems to hold the key to victory for both sides, but as the struggle finally swings the way of the Rats, Berrin faces a new dilemma – to destroy Malig Tumora could mean destroying the loved ones he is trying to save. **BPB \$14.99**

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In a quiet fishing village seventeen years ago, one lone fisherman rescued a child from the sea. He and his wife raised the girl, Pearl, as their own daughter, never allowing themselves to wonder long about where she came from -- or notice her silver hair, usually pale skin, and wide, dark blue eyes.

Pearl grows from a mysterious child into an unusual young woman, not always welcomed in the village. As all the other girls her age find husbands, she has only one friend to ease her loneliness. One very special, secret companion: Prince James.

But their friendship is shaken when trouble erupts in the kingdom -- a conspiracy against the royal family combines with an evil enchantment from beneath the sea. Now, just when Pearl and James need each other most, bewitching magic and hints about Pearl's past threaten to tear them apart...forever. **PB \$9.95**

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Young, beautiful, and wealthy, Emma Pennington is accustomed to a very comfortable life. Although war rages abroad, she hardly feels its effect. She and her mother travel from their home in Britain to the family estate in Belgium, never imagining that the war could reach them there. But it does.

Soon Emma finds herself stranded in a war-torn country, utterly alone. Enemy troops fight to take over her estate, leaving her with no way to reach her family, and no way out.

With all of her attention focused on survival and escape, Emma hardly expects to find love. But the war will teach her that life is unpredictable, people aren't always what they seem, and magic is lurking everywhere. **PB \$9.95**

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Donn Cortez

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In what should be a time of goodwill to all the Miami-Dade Crime Lab finds that what appears to be the simplest of crimes hides darker motives.

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No summer can ever quite be as glorious as the ones you remember from when you were young, when a sunny afternoon seemed to last forever and all there was to do was ride your bike, eat ice-llories and play with Lego. Tom Brady is enjoying just such an afternoon when the TARDIS lands in his Nan's living room and interrupts her in the middle of the snooker.

After they've apologised, the Doctor and his friends soon discover matters of far greater concern than the fact that their time machine is blocking Mrs Brady's view of a thrilling century break. The street which Tom happily cycles up and down appears to have no beginning or end, and every single house on it is identical.

Is this the future of suburbia, or something even more sinister? Why doesn't Tom look as young as he behaves? And can anybody remember which house the TARDIS is in?

This story takes place after the TV movie. **CD \$54.95**

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It is 1917 and the Doctor, Hex and Ace find themselves in a military hospital in northern France. But the terrifying, relentless brutality of the Great War that wages only a few miles away is the least of their concerns.

The travellers become metaphysical detectives when the Doctor receives orders to investigate a murder. A murder that has yet to be committed...

Who will be the victim? Who will be the murderer? What is the real purpose of the Hate Room? Can the Doctor solve the mystery before the simmering hate and anger at Charnage hospital erupts in to a frenzy of violence?

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Audio 90 Sixth Doctor: *Year of the Pig*

Ostend, 1913. War is coming. A war in which millions will die. And the guest in suite 139 of the Hotel Palace Thermae knows it. Which is odd, considering he has trotters, a snout and a lovely curly tail.

Toby the Sapient Pig is a swine on the run. Two peculiar strangers have been hunting him across Europe. The first, Miss Alice Bultitude, is an Englishwoman and collector of obscure theatrical ephemera. The second, Inspector Alphonse Chardalot, is a celebrated member of the detective police - the man who brought the trunk murderess of St Germain to justice.

This was supposed to be a reading week for the Doctor and Peri. Now they must do battle with a villain who wants to wipe every last human from the face of the earth - once he's had just another dish of truffles. And maybe a valedictory glass of fizzy lemonade.

This story takes place between "Timelash" and "Revelation of the Daleks". **CD \$54.95**

Audio 91 Fifth Doctor: *Circular Time*

Summer to winter, the seasons turn.

In the springtime of a distant future, the Doctor and Nyssa become embroiled in Time Lord politics on an alien world. During the stifling heat of a summer past they suffer the vengeful wrath of Isaac Newton. In the recent past, Nyssa spends a romantic golden autumn in an English village while the Doctor plays cricket. And finally, many years after their travels together have ended, the two friends meet again in the strangest of circumstances. Four seasons. Four stories.

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Audio 92 Seventh Doctor: *Nocturne*

Dan Abnett

On the human colony planet Nocturne, there is suffering and blight, tragic symptoms of an ages-old war. Never the less, Nocturne is also one of the Doctor's favourite places in all of time and space, because it is here that a late, great flowering of human art - the High Renaissance - is taking place.

He has been back here, many times. It is a place of music and art which he finds inspirational and uplifting. It is a place he wants to share with Ace and Hex. It's always been a safe haven for him, a world of friends and laughter.

But with strict Martial Law imposed on the front-line city, and the brutal scourge of interstellar warfare vicing the system, how safe can anyone really be?

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But does the Doctor always get it right? In his efforts to save the smaller picture, is it possible that occasionally the bigger picture, the Web of Time itself, can be broken by his actions? If so, what can he do to repair it?

Repercussions features sixteen tales set on a strange airship taking its passengers on a trip to... who knows where? Amongst the people aboard is young adventuress Charley Pollard, just a few weeks into her life aboard the TARDIS alongside the Eighth Doctor, a man whose past, she will discover, she knows frighteningly little about. She encounters a diplomat trying to stop a war, a young man seemingly murdered by the Doctor, a tramp, a seismologist and a republican trying to save the life of his plague-stricken daughter. One thing they all have in common - an encounter with a strange alien visitor who seemed to help them but perhaps should have left them alone.

Learning their stories, understanding their grief, their anger or even their joy, Charley begins to see a new side to this enigmatic man she has chosen to travel the universe with. And she is forced to ask, will she one day also find herself aboard a strange airship, teeming with fellow travellers, all of whom seem to represent a danger to the Web of Time?

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Diane Duane

Born in the twilight years of Vulcan's violent and passionate past, those who declared themselves Rihannsu chose to reign free in the unknown reaches of space rather than to serve under the new tyranny of logic. Having severed themselves from their homeworld, they survived the perilous voyage across the stars to wash ashore on a distant planet, there to begin the civilization that would one day flower into the Romulan Star Empire.

Now, after millennia of wars and conquests, that empire is decaying from within, surrendering its noble heritage to reckless ambition, abandoning honor for kidnapping and murder. The corruption is so great that the Rihannsu's finest military officer -- Commander Ael t'Rlailieu of the warbird Bloodwing -- believes she can save her people only by joining forces with her greatest enemy: Captain James T. Kirk of the Starship Enterprise™.

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They call themselves Rihannsu -- the Declared. To the Federation, they are the Romulans. By any name they are adversaries as formidable as they are inscrutable. Self-exiled from Vulcan in ages past, they retain an ancient martial philosophy and a code of conduct that has sustained them through centuries of hardship, warfare, and thwarted ambition.

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In cricket, what is a batsman up to when he farms the strike, plays an agricultural shot, or does a bit of gardening? What is a double bagel in tennis? Or the yips in golf? What is the B of the Bang? And Row Z? And where on earth do the words deuce, dormie and doosra come from? TALKING BALLS explains the meaning and origin of hundreds of terms and phrases currently used by those who practice sport as well as those who write about it. The core of the book is the language used by commentators, journalists, players, managers and coaches to talk about a sport - often using terms that lie outside the 'official' lexicon of the sport (where some of the most fanciful, creative and amusing usages can be found). TALKING BALLS not only shows how sport shapes our language, but also allows sports buffs to look at the games that they love from a humorous and intriguing angle. Sport is itself a metaphor, so naturally, sporting expressions become useful metaphors for the way we live. That has been the case ever since someone was first caught on a sticky wicket. **HC \$39.95**

Carole Nelson Douglas*Catnap (Midnight Louie Mystery)*

When a dead body turns up at the American Booksellers Association convention and the Baker & Taylor mascots are catnapped, public relations expert Temple Barr and her cat, Midnight Louie, decide to investigate. **APB \$17.95**

Arthur Conan Doyle

Complete Sherlock Holmes **HC \$69.95**

Barry Eisler*Hard Rain*

Trying to end his career as a hired assassin, Japanese American John Rain goes underground, only to be approached by Japanese FBI agent Tatsu to eliminate a sociopathic killer who could tip the balance of power in Japan toward the mafia. **APB \$17.95**

Rain Fall

A Japanese-American assassin who specializes in "natural cause" killings finds his carefully ordered world coming under siege in the wake of a government official's murder, with which he has been falsely connected, a situation that is complicated by his attraction to the victim's daughter. **APB \$17.95**

Joanne Fluke*Cherry Cheesecake Murder (Hannah Swenson Mystery with Recipes)*

When Main Street in Lake Eden becomes a movie set, a clever killer rewrites the script, and bakery owner Hannah Swenson, while trying to decide which marriage proposal to accept, must sift through a cast of suspects before the film wraps with an even deadlier ending. **APB \$17.95**

Christopher Fowler*Ten Second Detective (Bryant & May)*

Just after his agoraphobic granddaughter joins the Peculiar Crimes Unit, Detective John May and his partner, Arthur Bryant, find themselves tackling a bizarre serial killer nicknamed "The Highwayman," whose crimes are not only terrorizing the city of London, but also bear a striking similarity to other series of murders spanning London's history. By the author of *The Water Room*. **APB \$17.95**

Elaine Fox*Beware of Doug*

With every one of her romantic relationships falling apart thanks to the machinations of her scheming, noisy, and nasty dog, Doug, Lily Tyler is stunned when her sexy new neighbor, pilot Brady Cole, decides to come up with a scheme to woo the canine, as well as Doug's pretty owner.

APB \$15.95

Conn Iggulden

Wolf of the Plains (Conqueror 01)

Conn Iggulden burst onto the scene with Emperor, his series on Julius Caesar. His new novel, *Wolf of the Plains*, is the much anticipated beginning of the Conqueror series on Genghis Khan and his descendants. It is a wonderful, epic story which Conn Iggulden brings brilliantly to life. 'I am the land and the bones of the hills. I am the winter.' Temujin, the second son of the khan of the Wolves tribe, was only eleven when his father died in an ambush. His family were thrown out of the tribe and left alone, without food or shelter, to starve to death on the harsh Mongolian plains. It was a rough introduction to his life, to a sudden adult world, but Temujin survived, learning to combat natural and human threats. A man, a small family, without a tribe was always at risk but he gathered other outsiders to him, creating a new tribal identity. It was during some of his worst times that the image of uniting the warring tribes and bringing the silver people together came to him. He will become the khan of the sea of grass, Genghis.

TP \$32.99

Susan Kearney

Island Heat

Living as a recluse on an exotic, private South Pacific island, former film star Shara Weston finds herself drawn to the enigmatic Cade Archer, a man who literally fell out of the sky, unaware that Cade is on a mission to open a portal between the volcano on her island and his world, or that a ruthless enemy has followed Cade to prevent him from fulfilling his assignment. **APB \$17.95**

Linda Lear

Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature

Beatrix Potter, the twentieth century's most beloved children's writer and illustrator, created books that will forever conjure nature for millions. Yet though she is a household name around the world, her personal life and her other significant achievements remain largely unknown. This remarkable new biography is a voyage of discovery into the story of an extraordinary woman. At a time when plunder was more popular than preservation, she brought nature back into the English imagination. *Beatrix Potter: A Life in Nature* reveals a strong, humorous and independent woman, whose art was timeless, and whose generosity left an indelible imprint on the countryside. **HC \$49.95**

Lora Leigh

Dangerous Games

Home on leave after destroying an infamous Colombian drug cartel, Navy SEAL Clint "Iceman" McIntire finds himself in deep trouble with his best friend's little sister, Morganna Chavez, a young woman who has been secretly working with the DEA to uncover a lucrative--and deadly--date-rape drug conspiracy. **APB \$17.95**

Diedre Martin

Chasing Stanley

Armed with a few tricks up her sleeve, dog trainer Delilah Gould comes to the rescue of sexy professional hockey player Jason Mitchell, who has just been traded to the New York Blades, when his canine companion doesn't adjust well to city life. **APB \$19.95**

Don Pendleton

Deadly Contact (Executioner 339)

When a translator for the Stony Man team stumbles upon a ten-year-old conspiracy involving a mass execution in Bosnia, Mack Bolan must scour the highest levels of the government to bring the men who killed for money and power to justice. **APB \$13.95**

Extreme Arsenal (Stony Man 87)

When a mysterious enemy, using a new technology to turn El Salvador into a bastion of Fascism, goes on a bloody rampage throughout the country, the Stony Man defense team must go up against an army of seemingly invincible killers to stop the slaughter. **APB \$16.95**

Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child

The Cabinet of Curiosities

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Relic* comes a spellbinding new novel blending adventure, science and nail-biting suspense. In downtown Manhattan, a gruesome discovery has just been made – an underground charnel house containing the bones of dozens of murder victims. Research reveals that a serial killer was at work in New York's notorious Five Points neighbourhood in the 1880s, bent on prolonging his lifespan by any means. When a newspaper story on the old murders appears to ignite a new series of horrifyingly similar killings, panic overtakes the city. On the case are FBI Special Agent Pendergast – Southern, pale, refined, unorthodox, possessed of a Holmes-like brain, and possibly the most engaging investigator in modern popular fiction; dogged NYT reporter William Smithback, Jr, and his erstwhile girlfriend, Dr Nora Kelly, an archaeologist at the New York Museum of Natural History. Using every resource available, they join forces to track down the killer, before they become the next victims. **APB \$19.95**

Heather Pringle

The Master Plan: Himmler's Scholars and the Holocaust

Acclaimed science writer Heather Pringle uncovers the true story of the scientists and archaeologists Heinrich Himmler deployed to find proof for his theories of a prehistoric Aryan master race. What happens when science falls prey to a political agenda? Pre-history, according to Heinrich Himmler, must be written. Himmler, the chief of the SS and architect of the Nazi network of death camps, was obsessed with re-writing history. He was convinced that archaeologists had long ignored the great accomplishments of ancient Germanic peoples. Himmler believed that Germany's ancestors; the tall, blue-eyed, blond-haired Aryans; had evolved not in the savannahs of Africa with the rest of humanity, but in the icy barrens of the Arctic. There, refined and distilled by natural selection in a bitter land, they had become an invincible master race. But some 12,000 years ago, theorized Himmler, a natural cataclysm shook the earth, decimating the scattered Aryan colonies and now, only in select parts of the world; most notably northern Europe; did some true Aryan blood remain. Himmler's history was pure fiction, but his conviction was unshakable. In 1935 he founded the 'Ahnenerbe'; a research institute to manufacture archaeological evidence for political purposes; appointed himself president, and set about recruiting a bizarre mix of adventurers, mystics, careerists and reputable archaeologists to help write a new chapter in the ancient history of the Aryan race. **BPB \$24.99**

Andrew B Schoedinger

Readings in Medieval Philosophy

This anthology of medieval philosophy collects 54 readings by the most important and influential Christian, Jewish, and Muslim philosophers of the middle ages. The readings are organized into nine thematic sections with six readings chronologically arranged. **TP \$170**

William Shakespeare

Complete Works of William Shakespeare **HC \$99.95**

Maggie Shayne

Sheer Pleasure

In "Daydream Believer," a clairvoyant falls for a psychic lawman while struggling to prevent her own death; while in "Leather and Lace," an entrepreneur transforms into a runway lingerie model much to her boss's surprise; and in "Awaiting Moonrise," a professor investigates a new animal species only to encounter a seductive werewolf. **TP \$28.95**

Cecelia Tishy

All in One Piece

Accepting the help of an attractive neighbor when she is clipped by a speeding car, psychic detective Reggie Cutter is shocked when the neighbor is killed and she is counted among the suspects, in a case that forces her to apply her abilities to solve the crime and prove her innocence. By the author of Now You See Her. **APB \$19.95**

Boris Vallejo & Julie Bell

Fabulous Women of Boris Vallejo and Julie Bell

Boris Vallejo and Julie Bell are the world's leading fantasy artists. This work is a collection of the best of their trademark art - the female form, including Amazonian beauties, mermaids, female warriors and more. It contains approximately 100 illustrations arranged thematically. **HC \$49.99**

Delores J Wilson

Big Hair and Flying Cows **APB \$17.95**

Dean Koontz

Brother Odd

By popular demand, the story of the life and times of Odd Thomas continues. In flight from memories of his lost soul–mate Stormy Llewellyn, Odd is one of four guests at a monastery in the High Sierra. It's December. In contrast to the sunbleached desert town of Pico Mundo where Odd was born, icy winds and deep snow besiege the remote abbey. A white dog named Boo befriends Odd. The King of Rock 'n' Roll has followed him there and silently serenades man and dog. But Elvis isn't the only spooky phenomenon in the place. One of the other guests is John Heineman, world–famous physicist, who years earlier left the secular world to become a monk – but he continues his physics experiments down in the 'corpseless catacombs' of the facility. Heineman had originally taken to the monastic life because he found the nature of reality, as quantum mechanics reveals it, so very weird, and so are his experiments. Added to this, bodachs are prowling the halls, and Odd knows what that means: an event of terrible violence is pending. He begins to fear that someone intends to kill all the monks in the abbey. Odd has a knack for finding himself in the path of trouble no matter where he goes; even among the eccentric monks in their sanctuary. Odd is about to encounter an enemy who eclipses any he has yet encountered. **TP \$32.99**

Jayne Ann Krentz

White Lies

Fearing that her high-level psychic abilities have irrevocably damaged her ability to have a healthy relationship, Clare Lancaster travels to California to assist her father's business and realizes that things are not as they appear upon meeting financial consultant Jake Salter, with whom she shares an unlikely chemistry. By the author of All Night Long. **HC \$51.95**

Mike Morwood & Penny van Oosterzee

The Discovery of the Hobbit

When in October 2004 the prestigious science publication NATURE published the discovery of a 3-foot (1-metre) tall hominid skeleton, the world's press went wild. Hailed as one of the most important scientific discoveries for years, the 'Hobbit', as the adult female came to be known, entered the history books. But until now none of the members of the original archaeological team have told their story in book form. THE DISCOVERY OF THE HOBBIT, written by the orchestrator of the dig, describes in vivid detail what the project was aiming to achieve, what it was like to stumble across such a find, what it means for our understanding of the history of the human race and how the whole enterprise nearly collapsed under the weight of Australia's fractious relationship with Indonesia. Featuring a bizarre island where evolution ran amok in isolation from the rest of the world and an eerie myth that may well be grounded in truth -- not to mention the reasons why other 'hobbits' may well be alive and undiscovered elsewhere in Indonesia, this remarkable book is an adventure story and a fascinating investigation, a moving and personal narrative and a landmark celebration of scientific endeavour. **TP \$34.95**

Don Pendleton

Force Lines (Super Bolan 112)

Mack Bolan takes on dangerous forces within the U.S. government itself when a mysterious cadre of powerful spooks unleashes a horrific series of atrocities as part of a conspiracy that they believe can never be traced back to them. **APB \$16.95**

Tropic Blast (Executioner 337)

Ordered to end the brutal reign of a power-hungry Colombian drug lord, Mack Bolan, along with a Texas Ranger, infiltrates the war zone between right-wing political terrorists and drug barons where he will do anything to take down his enemies. **APB \$13.95**

Nuclear Reaction (Executioner 338)

Mack Bolan ventures deep into the perilous backcountry of Pakistan in search of a deadly cache of suitcase nuclear devices that are being developed as part of a conspiracy to destroy nearby India. **APB \$13.95**

Oceans of Fire (Stony Man 86)

The Stony Man team must recapture stolen Russian nukes during a deadly mission that leads them to the Russian mafiya, Afghan warlords, and an enigmatic German corporate magnate whose thirst for vengeance endangers the eastern seaboard of America. **APB \$16.95**

Edward Rutherford

Rebels of Ireland (Ireland 02)

The sequel to The Princes of Ireland follows the lives and destinies of several Dublin families, both Catholic and Protestant, from all strata of society, from the sixteenth-century colonization of Ireland by the English under Elizabeth I to the founding of the Irish free state in 1922. **HC \$58**

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The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam (And the Crusades)

Presents a critical analysis of the differences between Christianity and Islam and maintains that Islam contains a political agenda which endorses violence and aggression against non-Muslims. **PB \$40.95**

Dana Stabenow

A Deeper Sleep (Kate Shugak)

PI Kate Shugak has been working on a case for the Anchorage DA involving the murder of a woman by her husband.

Louis Deem has been the subject of investigations before, and he's never been convicted. But Kate and state trooper Jim Chopin are convinced that this time he'll be punished for his actions. When he's found not guilty, Kate and Jim and the rest of Nilniltna, Alaska, are certain that a man has gotten away with murder and that it's only a matter of time before he tries again.

Sure enough, a few weeks later a woman and her son are shot, the victims of an apparent robbery. But this time, Kate and Jim have a witness. Deem won't get away again. Or will he? **HC \$51.95**

Blindfold Game

In Thailand, a bomb destroys a tourist spot while two North Korean terrorists casually walk away from the site to plan the next phase of their plot against the United States.

In Washington, CIA analyst Hugh Rincon catches the chatter about something big being planned along the Pacific rim, and his best agent says its linked to the Thailand blast. Now Hugh is beginning to connect the dots between missing radioactive material, a SCUD missile sold on the black market, and a Russian ship sailing toward the Alaskan coast... But the Administration refuses to heed his warning.

In the Bering Sea, Coast Guard cutter Sojourner Truth is on routine patrol. On board is Hugh's estranged wife, executive officer Sara Lange. Sara and her ship are Hugh's only hope for stopping the terrorists... if she's willing to believe her ex-husband's story and risk her own career – and her crew's lives – to hunt down a death ship... **APB \$17.95**

Jack Whyte

The Eagle (Camulod)

Beginning with *The Skystone*, the first in his riveting *Camulod Chronicles*, Jack Whyte has embarked on an ambitious and remarkable re-telling of the Arthurian cycle, giving us a fresh and compelling take on a story that has been beloved for centuries.

The Eagle brings us at last to the heart of the tale, the creation of fabled Camelot and the love story that enshrined its glory. Whyte takes us into the minds and lives of Arthur, Guinevere, and Lancelot, three astonishing but fallible people who were bound together by honour, loyalty, and love. Three who created the glory that was Britain's shining dream... And, some say, caused its downfall.

The Gaulish nobleman Clothar – known in our time as Lancelot – is drawn to the young High King's court by tales of honour and nobility, where he meets a man whose love of law matches his own. More, he finds in Arthur a life-long friend whose dream of uniting the people of Britain in peace Clothar embraces. And Clothar meets Arthur's queen, a wondrous beauty whose passion and ideals match her husband's. Together they work to bring Arthur's dream to life.

But dark forces rise in opposition to Arthur's plans for creating this noble island nation, and it is hard to tell friend from foe in the swirling chaos that ensues. **HC \$56.95**